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and complete table of contents, a full table of cases and a table of statutes.

The text, covering 743 pages, is an exhaustive treatise of the law pertaining to mines and mining, and is divided under such sub-heads as Property and Possession, Workings and Uses, Contracts, Sales, Leases, Licenses, Neighbors, and Local Rights and Customs.

The book is peculiarly applicable to England, but the general principles discussed and pointed out makes it of general interest to the profession.

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BOUVIER'S LAW DICTIONARY. Rawle's Edition, Vol. II. Boston: The Boston Book Company. 1897.

The second volume of Mr. Francis Rawle's revision of what has long been the acknowledged head of legal dictionaries, is fully up to the high standard set by the first volume. It includes words of art and phrases from and including "Jacens" to "Zoll-Verein." The volume contains 1254 pages of double column, closely printed matter, consisting of all the terms appearing in the former editions of the work, together with many additions.

That the book is brought thoroughly up to date appears from the fact that, on page 1174, et seq., title "United States Courts," is found an abstract of the Bankrupt Act of Congress, approved July 1, 1898. The editor has copiously annotated each statement by references to very recent decisions, many of them appearing from courts of the highest authority within the last two years.

The effort has been made, and successfully, to make the revision more than a mere definition of terms. To that end the general rules of law on any particular subject are arranged in proper place. For instance, the title "Pledge," to which a half column only is devoted to definition, occupies ten columns of the book, setting out the various rules of decision. Again, the title "United States Courts" is enlarged to cover seventeen full pages.

Another particularly meritorious part of the book is found under the title "Maxims". Forty pages are filled with legal maxims and their meaning. The list comprises all the legal maxims, at least all that any practitioner will find time to learn.

Many other points of merit might be picked out, but it is deemed sufficient to refer the book itself to the profession as the best proof of its excellence.

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THE LAW RELATING TO BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS, WITH FORMS AND SUGGESTIONS. By WILLIAM M. THORNTON and FRANK H. BLACKLEDGE. Albany, N. Y.: Matthew Bender. 1898.

Prior to the appearance of this volume, the best known work in